General Secretary to Government.—

He is the son-in-law of Mr. S. Hiriannaiya.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

Is that a justification for appointing him without advertisement?

General Secretary to Government.—

Government have used their discretion and made the appointment.

Mr. B. S. Puttaswami.—

What kind of cases do you treat as special? Is there any rule prescribed for it?

First Member of Council.—

If there is a rule about special cases, they will cease to be special.

Messrs. G. Kanchappa and **Mummadi H. C. Veerabhadrappa** (Chiknaikanahalli Taluk); and **C. Pattabhirama Setty** (Chiknaikanahalli Municipality).—

Q.—25. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Did not the Representative Assembly Members of Chiknaikanahalli Taluk bring to the notice of Government during the last Dasara Session (Question No. 26 of 1933) the damages to crops caused by Chintamani Sanna Paddy seedlings which the Agricultural Department sold to raiyats?

(*b*) Have Government or the Agricultural Department paid any compensation in this connection?

(*c*) Have Government given any suggestions to the department ever since this question was brought to their consideration?

(*d*) Has the department given any endorsements in writing with reference to raiyats' petitions?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

A.—25. (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) It is reported that endorsements have been issued to the raiyats.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. G. Kanchappa.—

With reference to answer to (*b*), may I ask whether it is not the duty of Government to compensate the raiyats for the loss sustained by them ?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

The loss sustained was not because the seed was bad in quality; untimely sowing and untimely rains might have been the reason.

Mr. Nanje Gowda.—

Excepting the Chintamani Sanna Paddy variety, all other seeds have shown better results. How is that accounted for ?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

They might have been planted at the proper time.

Mr. Nanje Gowda.—

Has it come to notice that all the surroundings were sown simultaneously ?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

No.

Mr. Pattabhirama Setty.—

Not even a poor crop was raised on fields sown with the seed in question. Has it been reported ?

Director of Agriculture.—

Yes, and it is on that report that an endorsement was given to the effect that there was nothing wrong with the seed supplied.

Mr. Nanje Gowda.—

Did the officer who supplied the seed not say at the time that was the proper season for sowing ?

Director of Agriculture.—

How are we to know that you sowed the seed immediately after it was supplied ?

Mr. Nanje Gowda.—

Has it come to your notice that in Gubbi and some other taluks, the crops have suffered in cases where this variety of seed was used ?

Director of Agriculture.—

Yes.

Mr. Nanje Gowda.—

Should not Government compensate the raiyats for it when the grievance is so general ?

Director of Agriculture.—

As already stated, the loss was not due to the seed. We know of cases where the same seed has yielded good results.

Mr. Nanje Gowda.—

Are Government aware that, throughout the Chiknaikanahalli Taluk, the crops have failed on account of this seed ?

Director of Agriculture.—

No, we are not aware of that.

Mr. H. M. Channabasappa.—

In case there is nothing wrong with the seed, why should there be such a wholesale failure of crops even granting that there are differences in the nature of soils ?

Director of Agriculture.—

Much depends upon manure and other factors.

Mr. H. M. Channabasappa.—

If crops fail when the department guarantees the quality of the seed, who should be responsible for the failure ?

Director of Agriculture.—

No sort of guarantee was given by the department.

Messrs. D. Y. Siddappa (Tumkur Municipality); **S. Sorappa** and **K. P. Chennabasaviah** (Sira Taluk); and **Sheik Mohadeen Sab** (Sira Municipality).—

Q.—26. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) How many applications were received from the backward classes during the past one year for the posts of